



NE Multispecies Common Pool Landing/Possession Limits and Minimum Sizes

This summary provides a broad overview of restrictions and requirements; it is not a substitute for the regulations. You are strongly encouraged to read the regulations in conjunction with this information sheet to fully understand how these fisheries are managed. This information sheet will be updated as regulations are revised. The regulations described here can be found at 50 CFR 648.82, 648.83, 648.85, 648.86, and 648.88.

Species	Minimum Size	Stock Area ¹	A DAS	Handgear A	Handgear B	Regular B DAS Program		
						Separator or Ruhle Trawl ⁴	Non-Trawl Gear	
Cod	22"	GOM	650 lb/DAS, up to 2,000 lb/trip	300 lb/trip ³	75 lb/trip ³	100 lb/DAS, up to 1,000 lb/trip		
		OFF GB, IN GB, & SNE	2,000 lb/DAS, up to 20,000 lb/trip (outside of the Eastern U.S./Canada Area) ²					
			500 lb/DAS, up to 5,000 lb/trip (E. U.S./Canada Area)					
			1,000 lb/trip CA I Hook Gear Haddock SAP -or- CA II Yellowtail Flounder/Haddock SAP (for targeting haddock)					
Haddock	18"	GOM	1,000 lb/trip					
		OFF GB, IN GB, & SNE	10,000 lb					
Pollock	19"	All areas	Unlimited			100 lb/DAS to 1,000 lb/trip		
Redfish	9"	All areas	Unlimited					
White hake	none	All areas	1,500 lb/trip			100 lb/DAS to 1,000 lb/trip		
Atlantic halibut	41"	All areas	1 fish/trip					
Yellowtail flounder	13"	GOM, IN GB	500 lb/DAS, up to 2,000 lb/trip			25 lb/DAS to 250 lb/trip		
		SNE	1,500 lb/DAS up to 4,500 lb/trip					
		OFF GB	500 lb/trip			100 lb/DAS for each stock, up to 500 lb/trip of all flatfish combined	100 lb/DAS, to 1,000 lb/trip	
American plaice (dabs)	14"	All areas	Unlimited					
Witch flounder (gray sole)	14"	All areas	250 lb/trip					
Winter flounder	12"	OFF GB	1,000 lb/trip					
		GOM	250 lb/trip					
		IN GB, SNE	Zero – possession prohibited ⁵					
Windowpane flounder		All areas	Zero – possession prohibited					
Ocean pout								
Atlantic wolffish								

See back for notes and contact info.

¹ Broad Stock Areas: Gulf of Maine (GOM), Inshore Georges Bank (IN GB), Offshore Georges Bank (OFF GB), and Southern New England (SNE)

² Vessel must submit GOM Cod Trip Limit Exemption Form via VMS

³ Unless otherwise revised by the Regional Administrator

⁴ Gear performance trip limits of 500 lb all flatfish combined, 500 lb whole monkfish (unless restricted by the monkfish FMP), 500 lb whole skate, and zero lobsters also apply.

⁵ A vessel may transit the InGB and SNE areas with GOM or OffGB winter flounder on board, provided that fishing gear is properly stowed.

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